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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The November 23, 2005 Advisory Action and the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2005 have been carefully considered. In response, claims 57 and 60 are amended to more clearly define the present claimed invention over the cited reference.

The present claimed invention, as defined by claims 57 and 60, is directed to a printing information distribution apparatus which is connected to information terminals and printers located in different places and in which there is no limitation as to the place at which printing of content is requested, and the place at which the content is printed. Therefore, according to the present claimed invention, terminal authentication and printer authentication are performed, printing reservation from the terminal is registered if the terminal is authenticated, and the printing information is generated and transmitted to the printer if the printer is authenticated, as recited in amended claims 57 and 60.

USP 5,930,810 (Farros et al.) merely teach that a variety of types of documents are easily created and certain documents are

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printed locally or at a remote printing facility. Farros et al. do not teach that the user inputs reservation information from the terminal and the user instructs printing of the reserved content from the printer and obtains the printing at the printer as recited in amended claims 57 and 60. Farros et al. merely teach print order transmission means for requesting selection of a print order transmission method from the user to transmit the print order, and for allowing transmission of the print order to the remotely located print facility and to long-term storage depending on the print order transmission method selected.

In view of the foregoing, claims 57 and 60 are patentable over the cited reference under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103.

Claims 58 and 59 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 57, and claims 61 and 62 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 60. Claims 58, 59, 61 and 62 are patentable over the cited references in view of their dependence on claims 57 or 60, and because the references do not disclose, teach or suggest each of the limitations set forth in claims 58, 59, 61 and 62.

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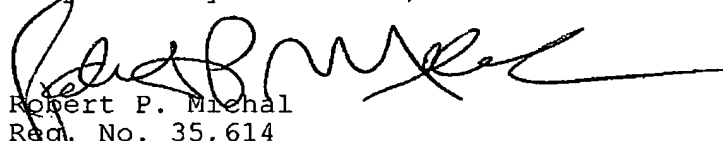
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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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